

C L A I M S

1. A configuration builder useful in configuring software-containing hardware units which are serviced by a center which services a multiplicity of similar units having a plurality of different configurations, the configuration builder comprising:

functionality enabling configuration of at least one software-containing hardware unit by a configurer; and

functionality operative automatically in response to configuration of said at least one software-containing hardware unit for correspondingly configuring said center, thereby to enable said center to interface with said at least one software-containing hardware unit.

2. A configuration builder according to claim 1 and wherein said software-containing hardware units comprise point of sale terminals.

3. A configuration builder according to claim 1 and wherein said center interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

4. A configuration builder according to claim 2 and wherein said center interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

5. A configuration builder according to claim 1 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

6. A configuration builder according to claim 2 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

7. A configuration builder according to claim 3 and wherein said configuration

comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

8. A configuration builder according to claim 4 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

9. A configuration builder according to claim 1 and wherein said configuration comprises defining a plurality of block structures.

10. A configuration builder according to claim 1 and wherein said configuration comprises producing at least one flexible header file and at least one block definition file.

11. A configuration building method useful in configuring software-containing hardware units which are serviced by a center which services a multiplicity of similar units having a plurality of different configurations, the configuration building method comprising:

enabling configuration of at least one software-containing hardware unit by a configurer; and

automatically in response to configuration of said at least one software-containing hardware unit, correspondingly configuring said center, thereby to enable said center to interface with said at least one software-containing hardware unit.

12. A configuration building method according to claim 11 and wherein said software-containing hardware units comprise point of sale terminals.

13. A configuration building method according to claim 11 and wherein said center interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

14. A configuration building method according to claim 12 and wherein said center

interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

15. A configuration building method according to claim 11 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

16. A configuration building method according to claim 12 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

17. A configuration building method according to claim 13 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

18. A configuration building method according to claim 14 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

19. A configuration building method according to claim 11 and wherein said configuration comprises defining a plurality of block structures.

20. A configuration building method according to claim 11 and wherein said configuration comprises producing at least one flexible header file and at least one block definition file.

21. A point of sale system comprising:
a multiplicity of point of sale (POS) terminals;
at least one management centers which interact with said multiplicity of point of sale (POS) terminals; and
a configuration builder useful in configuring said multiplicity of point of sale terminals, the configuration builder comprising:

functionality enabling configuration of at least one software-containing hardware unit by a configurer; and

functionality operative automatically in response to configuration of said at least one software-containing hardware unit for correspondingly configuring said center, thereby to enable said center to interface with said at least one software-containing hardware unit.

22. A point of sale system according to claim 21 and wherein said software-containing hardware units comprise point of sale terminals.

23. A point of sale system according to claim 21 and wherein said center interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

24. A point of sale system according to claim 22 and wherein said center interfaces with said at least one software-containing hardware unit for determining parameters of applications operative thereon.

25. A point of sale system according to claim 21 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

26. A point of sale system according to claim 22 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

27. A point of sale system according to claim 23 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware unit.

28. A point of sale system according to claim 24 and wherein said configuration comprises programming of an application to run on said software-containing hardware

unit.

29. A point of sale system according to claim 21 and wherein said configuration comprises defining a plurality of block structures.

30. A point of sale system according to claim 21 and wherein said configuration comprises producing at least one flexible header file and at least one block definition file.